

7. How would you describe today the fields Jesus described to His disciples? That is, paraphrase his crop analogy in your own words.

Sermon Notes

"Making Disciples Who Make Disciples"

John 4:31-38

July 24, 2016

8. In what ways can you be involved in sowing and harvesting for God's kingdom today?

Let's Pray:

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 7-24-16

Questions adapted from Karen Lee-Thorp, ed., John: Life Change Series, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1987, pp. 63; Charles R. Swindoll, Beholding Christ...The Son of God; A Study of John 1-5, Insight for Living, Anaheim, CA, 2000, pp. 61-62; James Galvin, ed., et al., New Testament Lesson Maker, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1992, pp. 162-63.

Getting Started:

1. What must a farmer do in order to enjoy an abundant harvest?

Digging Deeper:

2. Read John 4:27-38. How did the disciples respond when they saw Jesus talking to the Samaritan woman (4:27)? From what you've learned in the past, how does their response typify the relationship between Jews and Samaritans?

3. What barriers keep us from talking to other people about Christ?
4. How do you feel about and treat the marginalized in our society – the homeless, the poor, the person of a different race from you?

Do you sometimes struggle to personally reach out to them? If so, why? Perhaps it's fear blocking you, or the social stigma that person carries, or judgmentalism, or complacency, or maybe just now knowing what to do. What do you think it might be for you?

5. Reread Jesus' exchange with the Samaritan woman in John 4:5-26. In what ways would you like to be more like Christ in your dealings with other people?
6. Meditate on John 4:34. How true is this of you? How do you need to grow in this area? Ask God to show you His will and His work for you, and to empower you to do them. Make this a persistent prayer this week.